Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi: Sir, we have half an hour more for questions. Only a limited number of questions has been answered.

President: Perhaps the honourable member would have noticed that there has been some improvement in the number of questions that are tabled for each day after the complaint was made the other day. Perhaps the reason why a shorter time is taken in this House for answering questions that appear on the agenda is due to the fact that there is a smaller number of members in this House and therefore supplementary questions are not as many and as large as in the other House. That, of course, should be the reason why more questions should be put on the agenda. Well, I have already asked the Government members to try and expedite answers and I have been told by the Government member that everything is being done to expedite answers in regard to questions for which they have received information from the heads of departments concerned and I hope that the same activity will prevail on the Treasury Bench and that they will help to answer almost all the questions which have been already sent up.

The House will remember that it has to elect a member to the Public Accounts Committee and another member to the Standing Finance Committee to continue during the official year 1111. I have therefore to fix the day and the hour for such elections and the method of such election. I think it will suit the convenience of honourable members if I should decide that these elections should take place immediately after the work of the day is over on Monday, the 12th instant. The elections will be presided over by one of the two panel of chairmen whoever may happens to be present. The method of election will be the same as in last year, namely, by ballot.

We will now proceed to the voting of demands for grants. The discussion on Demand II will be continued. Mr. Nilakanta Pillai was addressing the House when it adjourned last evening and if he has still any further observations to make he will begin.

VOTING OF DEMANDS FOR GRANTS

DEMAND II—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT—(*contd*).

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: Sir, I was just complaining the other day that no definite policy is pursued by the Public Works Department in regard to the development of the water-ways which are kept in a very neglected condition. Long ago, when expert opinion was not available to advise the Government, they thought of opening a water-way which would go from Cochin direct

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